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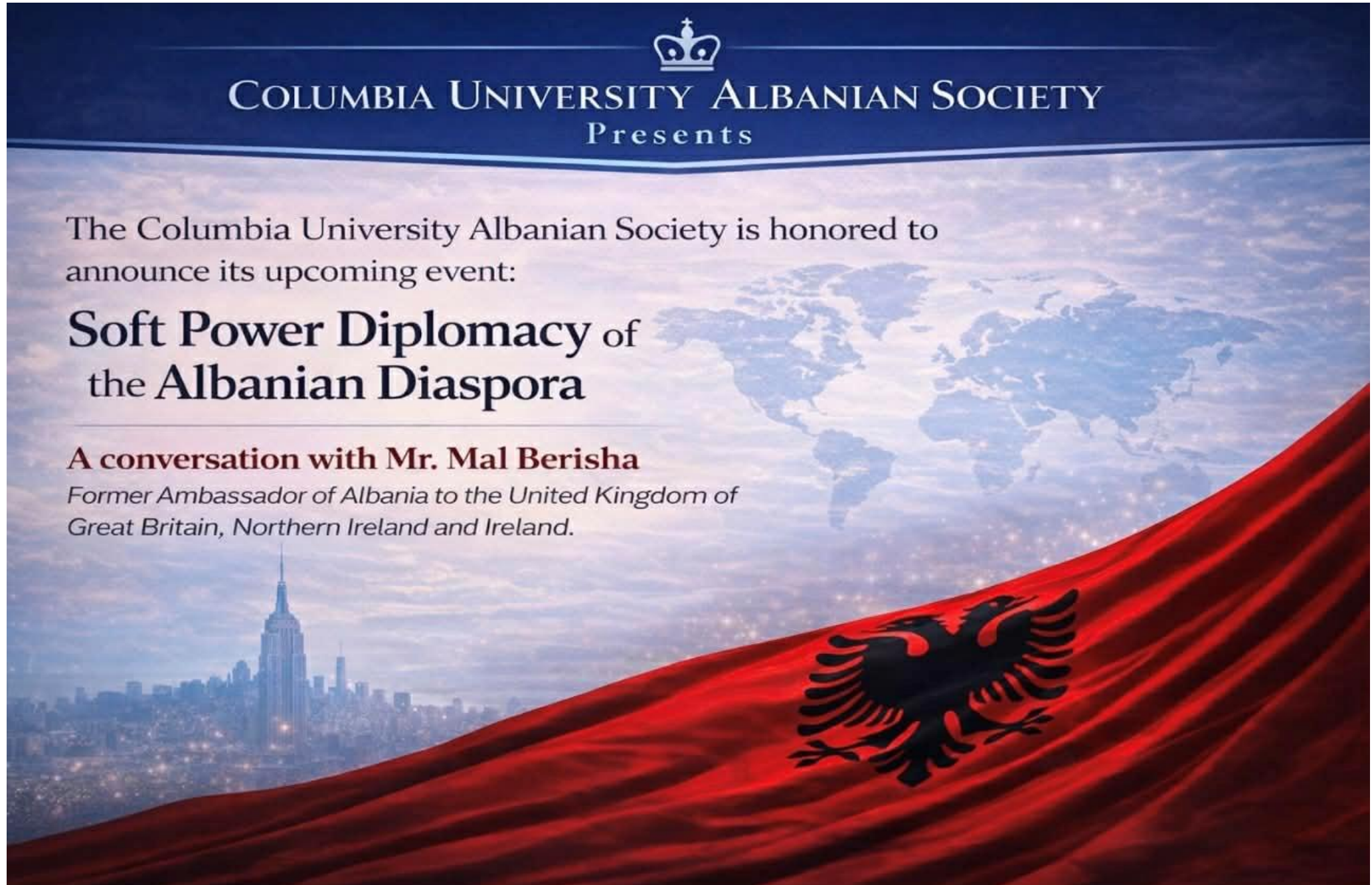
Presents

The Columbia University Albanian Society is honored to announce its upcoming event:

Soft Power Diplomacy of the Albanian Diaspora

A conversation with Mr. Mal Berisha

Former Ambassador of Albania to the United Kingdom of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Ireland.



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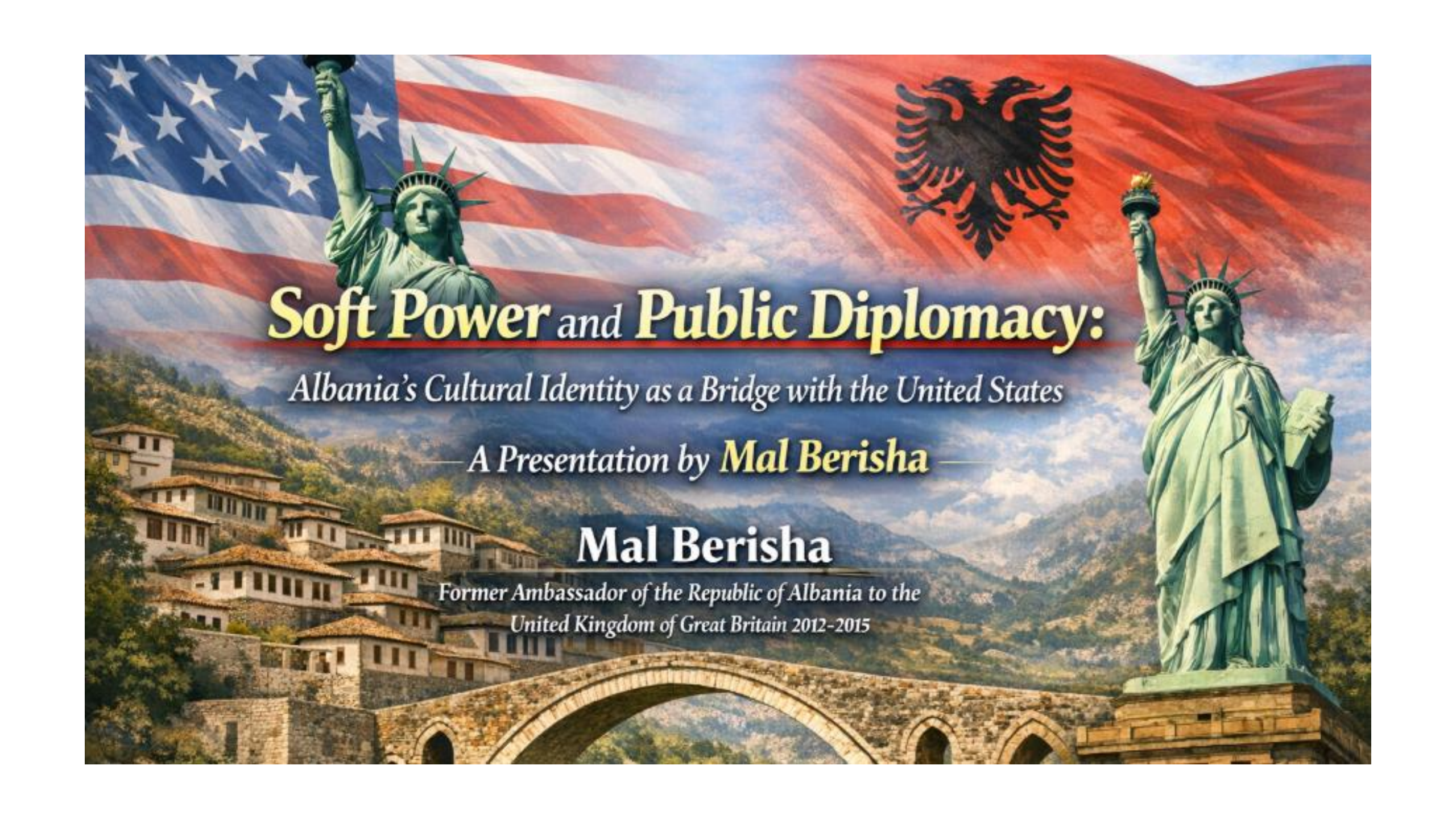


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Soft Power and Public Diplomacy:

Albania's Cultural Identity as a Bridge with the United States

*— A Presentation by **Mal Berisha** —*

Mal Berisha

*Former Ambassador of the Republic of Albania to the
United Kingdom of Great Britain 2012-2015*



**“If you
represent our
Albanian
nation,
represent it
with pride.”**



Albanian Americans

*The Maintainers, Promoters, and Strengtheners
of Strong Albanian~American Relations*







SOFT POWER - PUBLIC DIPLOMACY IN PRACTICE:

Highlighting

- Highlighting the contribution of Albanians to western civilisation through the figure of our National Hero, George Kastrioti Skanderbeg;

Celebrating

- Celebrating the legacy of St Mother Theresa;

Raising

- Raising global awareness on the noble values of Besa, religious tolerance and the rescue of Jews during WWII

Promoting

- Promoting Albanian culture through music and arts;

Presenting

- Presenting our ancient history and heritage through the publications of British, Albanian and American authors

Fostering

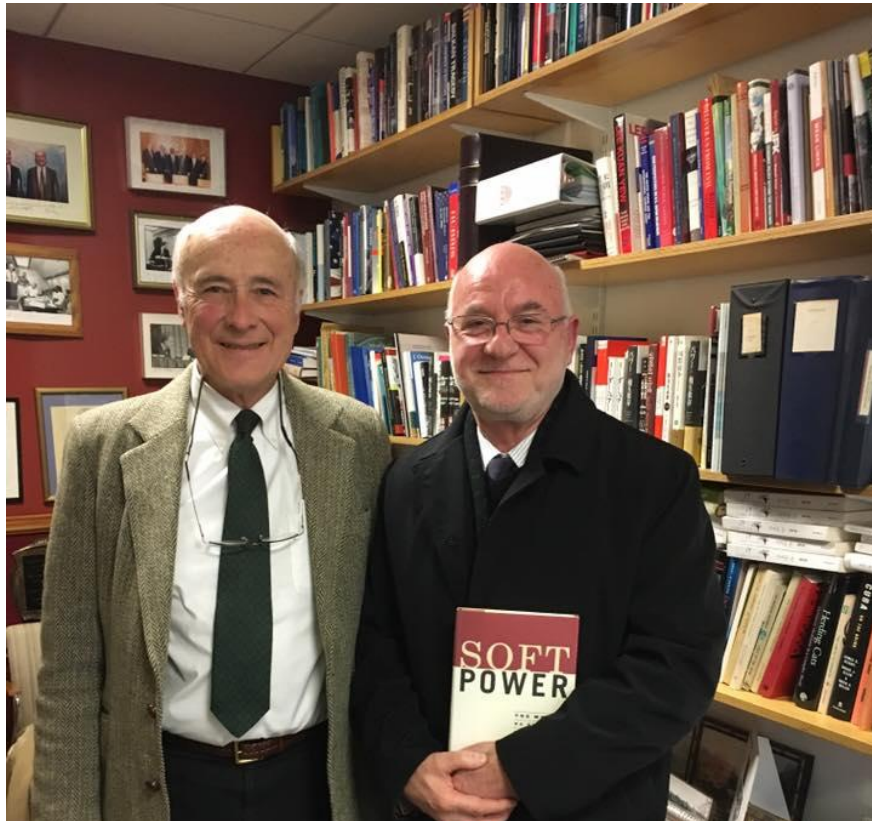
- Fostering bilateral relations through local cooperation and community building

Acknowledging

- Acknowledging British personalities that have contributed to build stronger bridges between our countries and people

**“Soft power is the ability
to influence others
through attraction rather
than coercion or
payment.”**

**— Joseph S. Nye Jr.,
Harvard Kennedy School**



With the ‘father’ of Soft Power, Prof. Joseph S. Nye, Jr., during a presentation at the Starr Auditorium, Belfer Building, Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.



Albanian Soft Power presented in London, New York, Tirana, and Prishtina; at the Geneva School of Diplomacy, Harvard University, the Vienna Diplomatic Academy, Shkup; “Nënë Tereza” University, Korçë; “Fan Noli” University, including the U.S. Embassy in London and the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York.



Faik Konica.

FAIK KONICA:

A model of
The Albanian
diplomat of all
times

27 June 2013 – Buckingham Palace

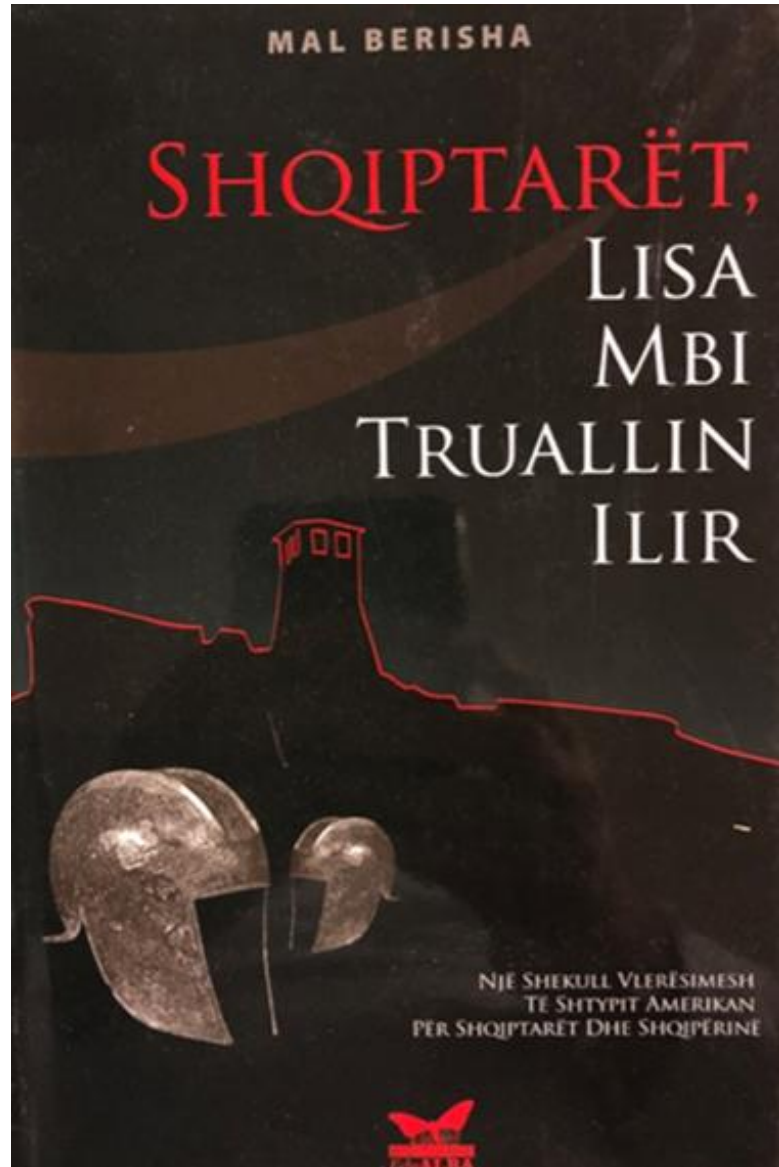
PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The **Albanian Lahuta**, a traditional handcrafted instrument of exceptional artistry, created in filigree by the Albanian master artisan **Pirro**, was formally presented to **Her Majesty the Queen**. It was displayed with honor in the **Queen's Ambassadors' Hall**, prominently visible during the royal audience, and was subsequently preserved as part of the **British Kingdom Art Collection**.





10 October 2013 — The credentials ceremony took place in Dublin at **Áras an Uachtaráin**. On this occasion, the Ambassador presented His Excellency the President of Ireland, **Michael D. Higgins**, with a collection of his poems translated into Albanian by the Albanian poet, Irish citizen Ndrek Gjini.



Albanians and Albania in:

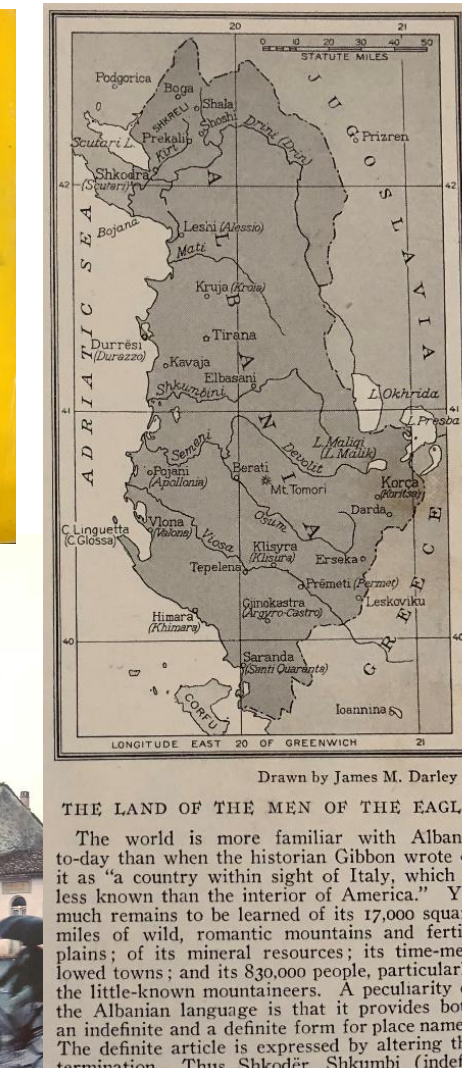
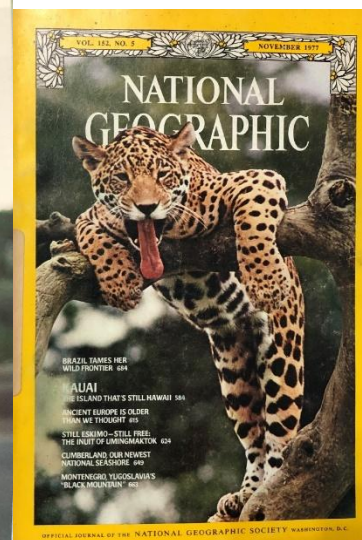
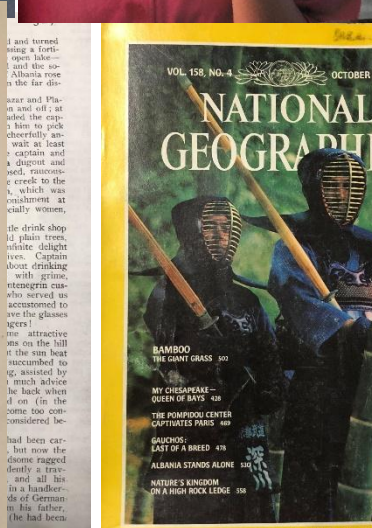
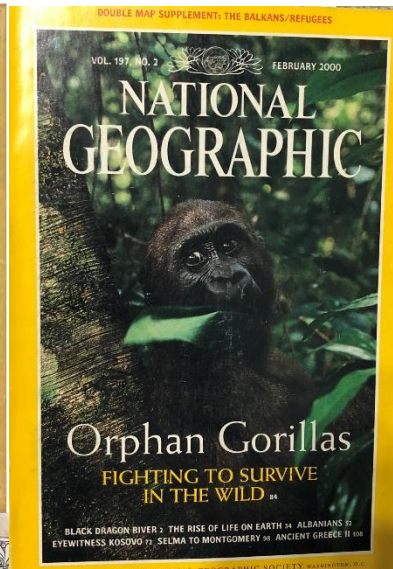
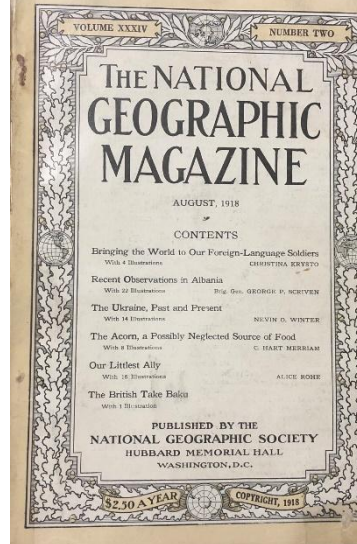
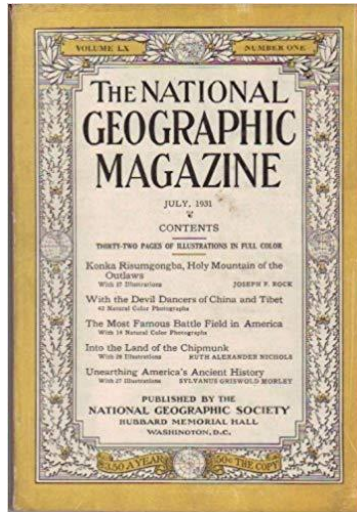
THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE:

A Full Study of all Writings Over a Century (1909–2007)

In English:

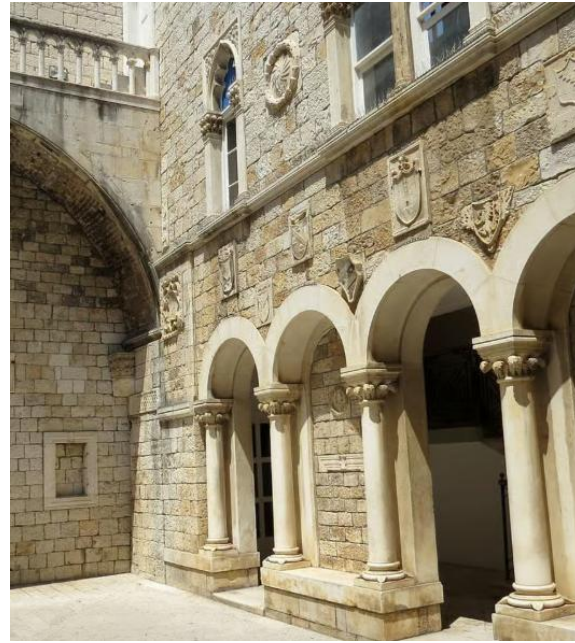
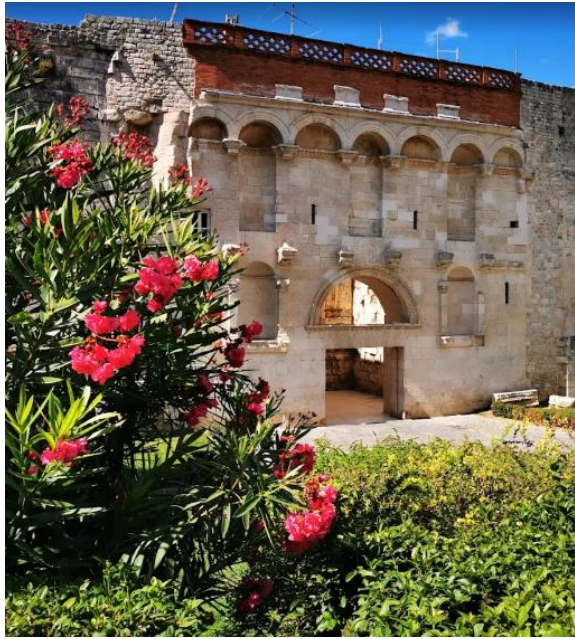
“OAKS ON THE ILLYRIAN SOIL”

Albanians in THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE



A moment of pride:
respectfully
presenting the book
**“Shqiptarët, Lisa
mbi Truallin Ilir”**
to our Albanian
famous writer
ISMAIL KADARE.
Mirovice, 2008.



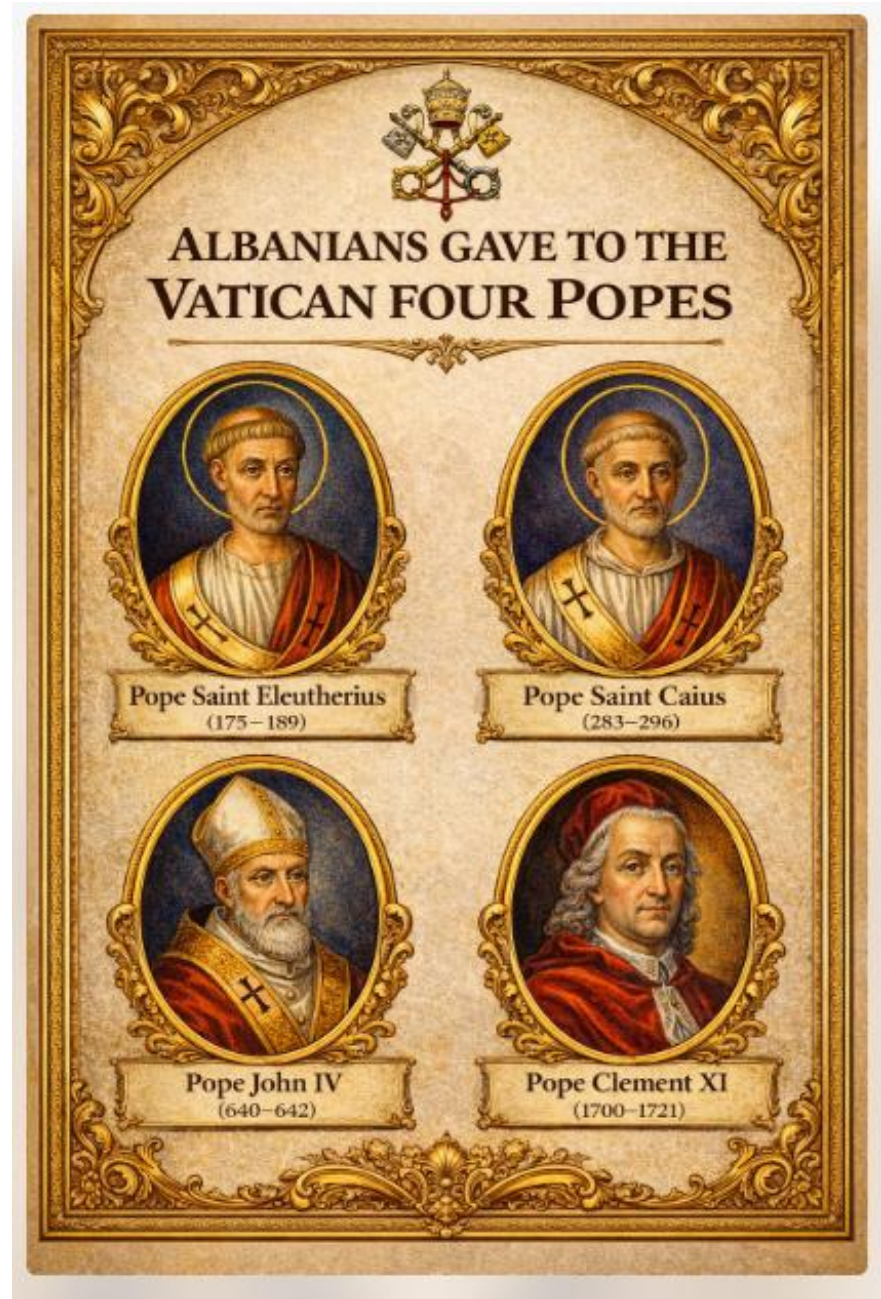


Diocletian was an **Illyrian Emperor of Rome**. We take pride in his legacy, which endures eternally in **his palace at Spalatum**—today's **Split**, in **Croatia**.

National Geographic Magazine

ALBANIANS GAVE TO VATICAN 4 POPES:

- **Pope Saint Eleutherius**
- (175–189).
- **Pope Saint Caius**
- (283–296).
- **Pope John IV**
- (640–642).
- **Pope Clement XI**
- (1700–1721)
- National Geographic Magazine

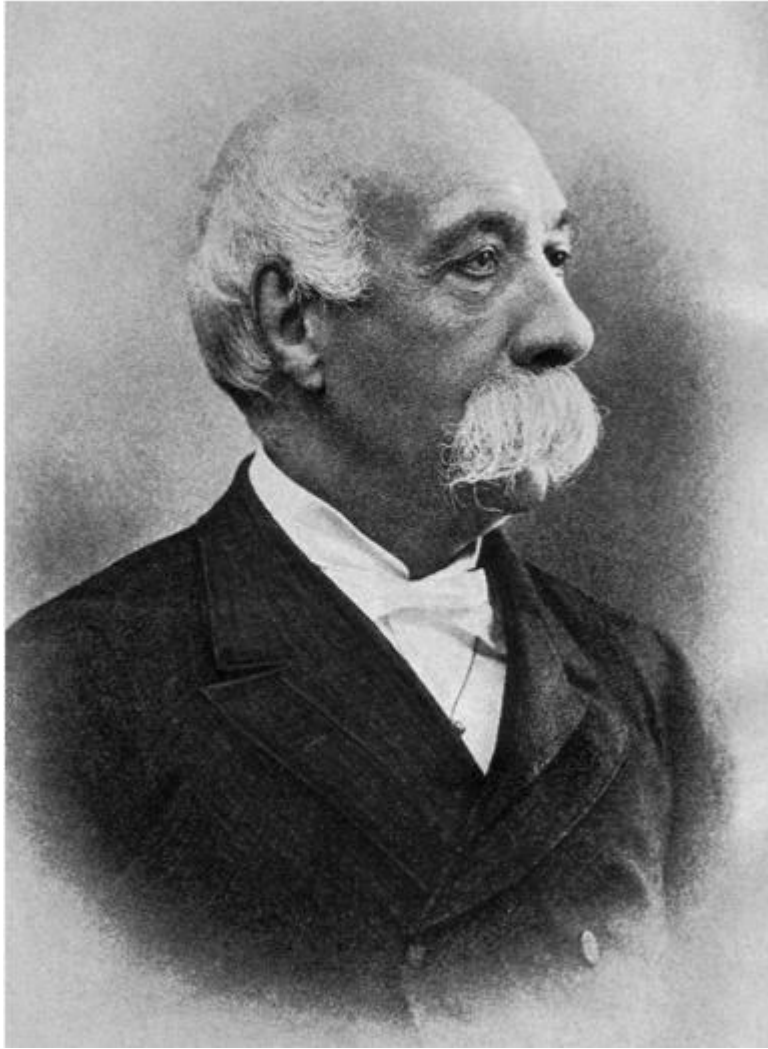


ALBANIANS IN THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE

Across the centuries, the Arbëreshë community contributed one Pope and three Cardinals to Italy.



Pope Clement XI, born Giovanni Francesco Albani, was head of the Catholic Church and ruler of the Papal States from 23 November 1700 to his death in March 1721. Clement XI was a patron of the arts and of science.



National Geographic Magazine

Albanians in THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE

FRANCESCO CRISPI

Francesco Crispi (1819–1901) was a crucial Italian Risorgimento leader and Prime Minister of Italy with Arbëreshë (Albanian) ancestry from Sicily. He identified as "an Albanian by blood and heart," spoke the Arbëreshë language, and was instrumental in the 1860 unification of Italy.

The **Arbëreshë** gave Italy a Prime Minister and statesman such as **Francesco Crispi**. They preserved Albanian culture during Ottoman rule, and their scholars were among the first to codify and write the Albanian language.

Muhammad Ali Pasha (1769–1849) was an Ottoman Albanian ruler who governed Egypt from 1805 to 1848 and is widely regarded as the founder of modern Egypt.

At the height of his power, he controlled vast territories across the Middle East and transformed Cairo into the center of a rising empire.

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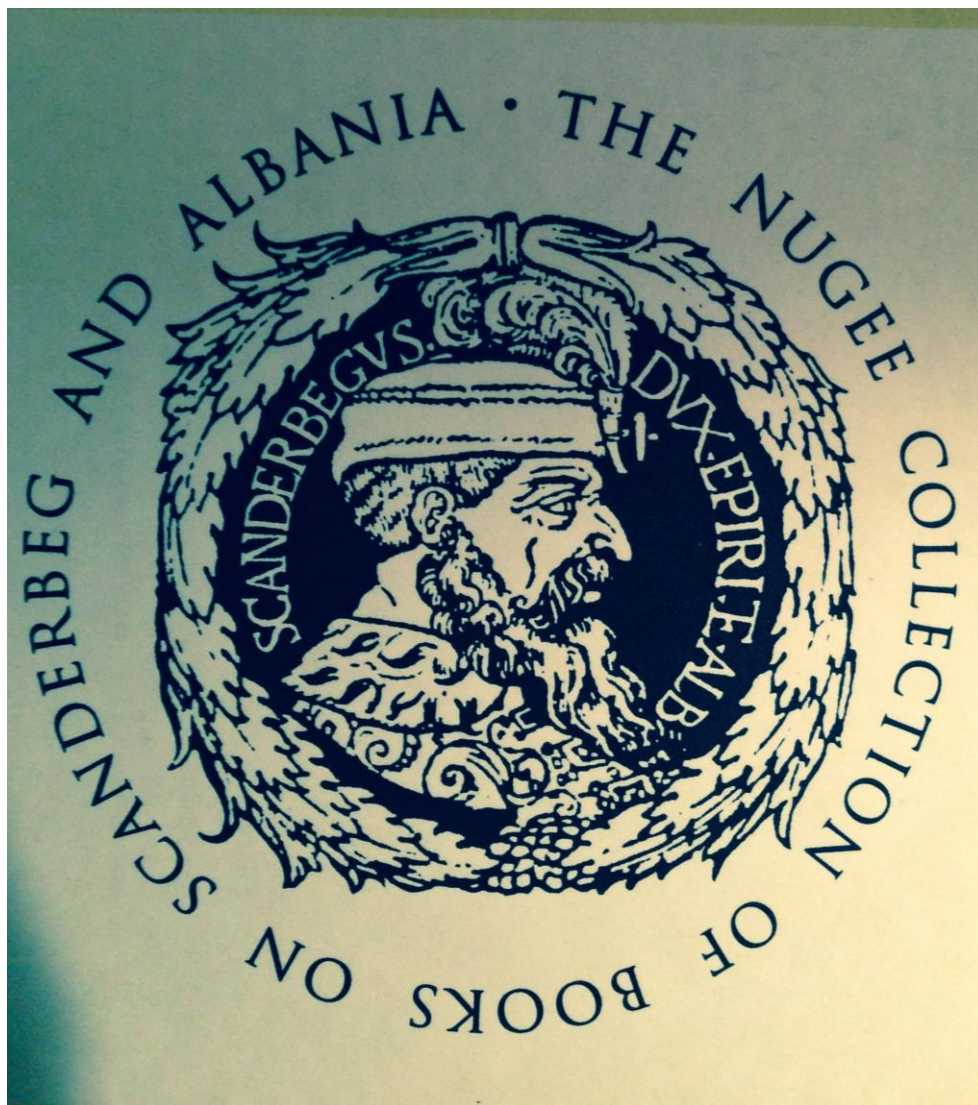
28 November 2012: To mark the 100th Anniversary of Independence, the Embassy of Albania placed the Bust of the Albanian National Hero, Skanderbeg. The unveiling ceremony was attended by the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Susie Burbridge, local authorities and the Albanian community in London and elsewhere.



The bust of **Gjergj Kastrioti Skanderbeg** was crafted by the Albanian sculptor **Kreshnik Xhiku**.

It was installed at **113 Inverness Terrace, London W2 6JH, Bayswater**, on 28 November 2012, marking the 100th anniversary of the Independence of Albania.



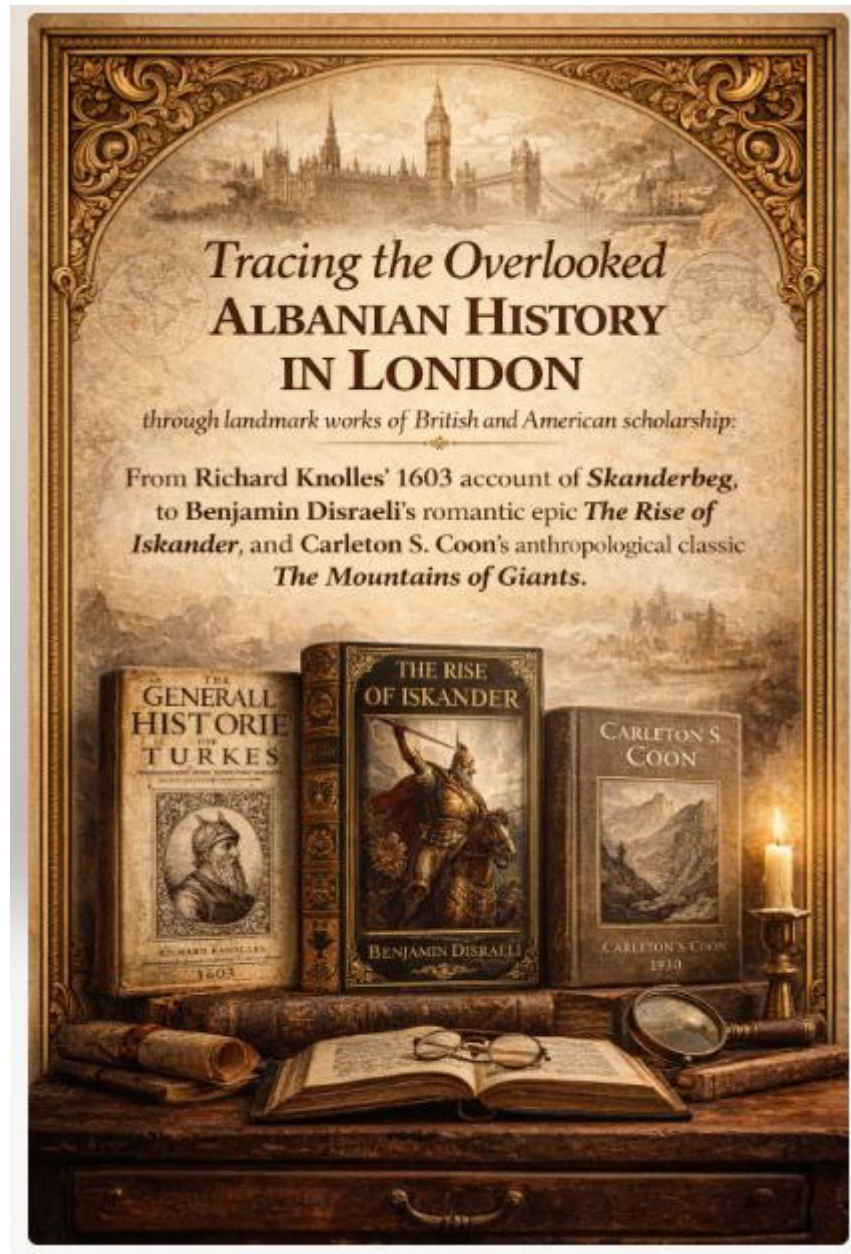


An English lady, **Patricia Nugee**, former librarian of the **British Library** in London, possesses **the richest private collection of books on Gjergj Kastrioti Skanderbeg in the world**. She is a close friend of the **Albanian Embassy in London**.

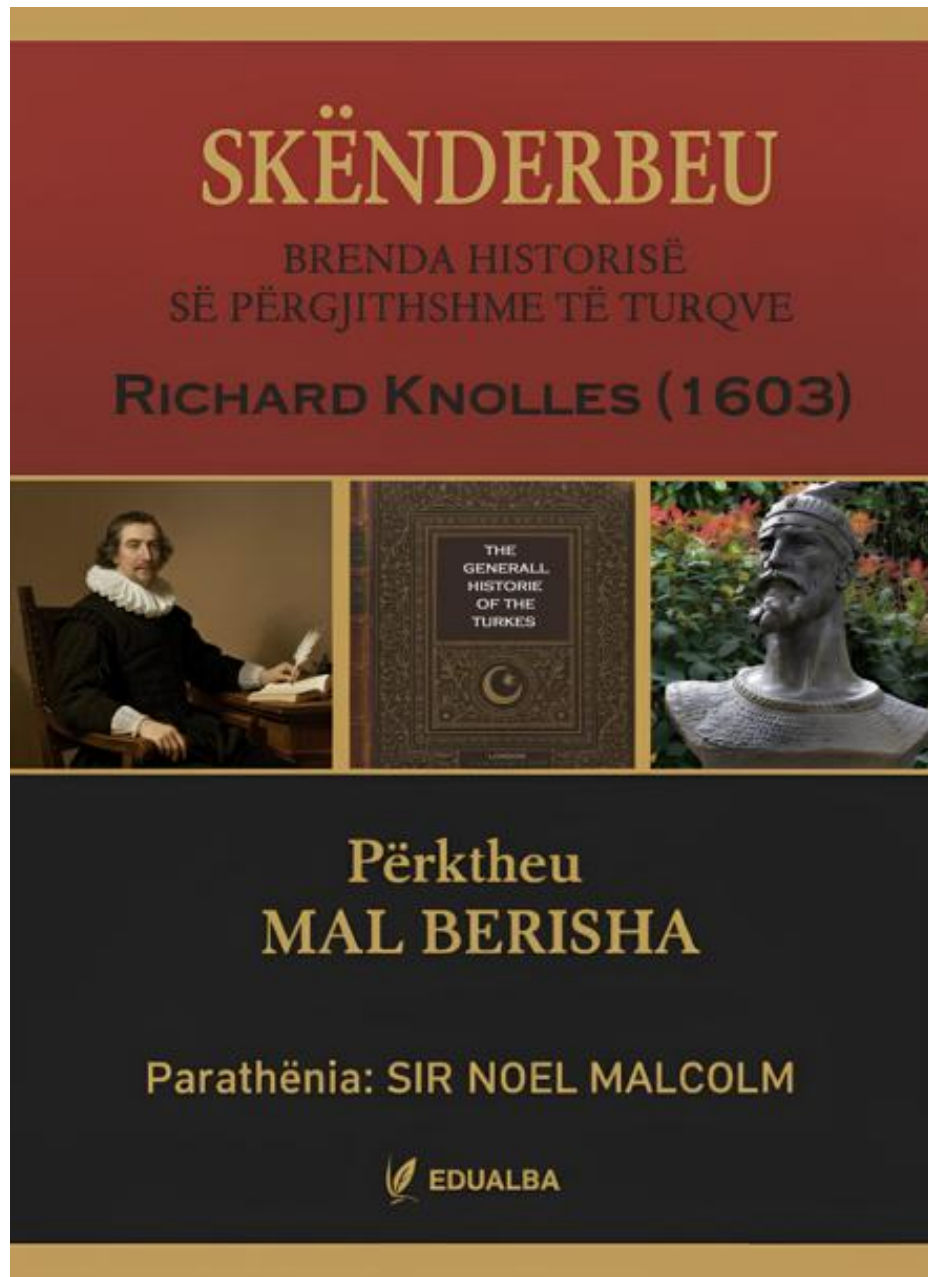
In the photo: the emblem of the collection.

Albanian diplomats place the bust of Skanderbeg in the Arbëreshi village of **Munxhufuni, Italy 4 August 2013** at the **Skanderbeg Square**, in the presence of regional and local authorities.





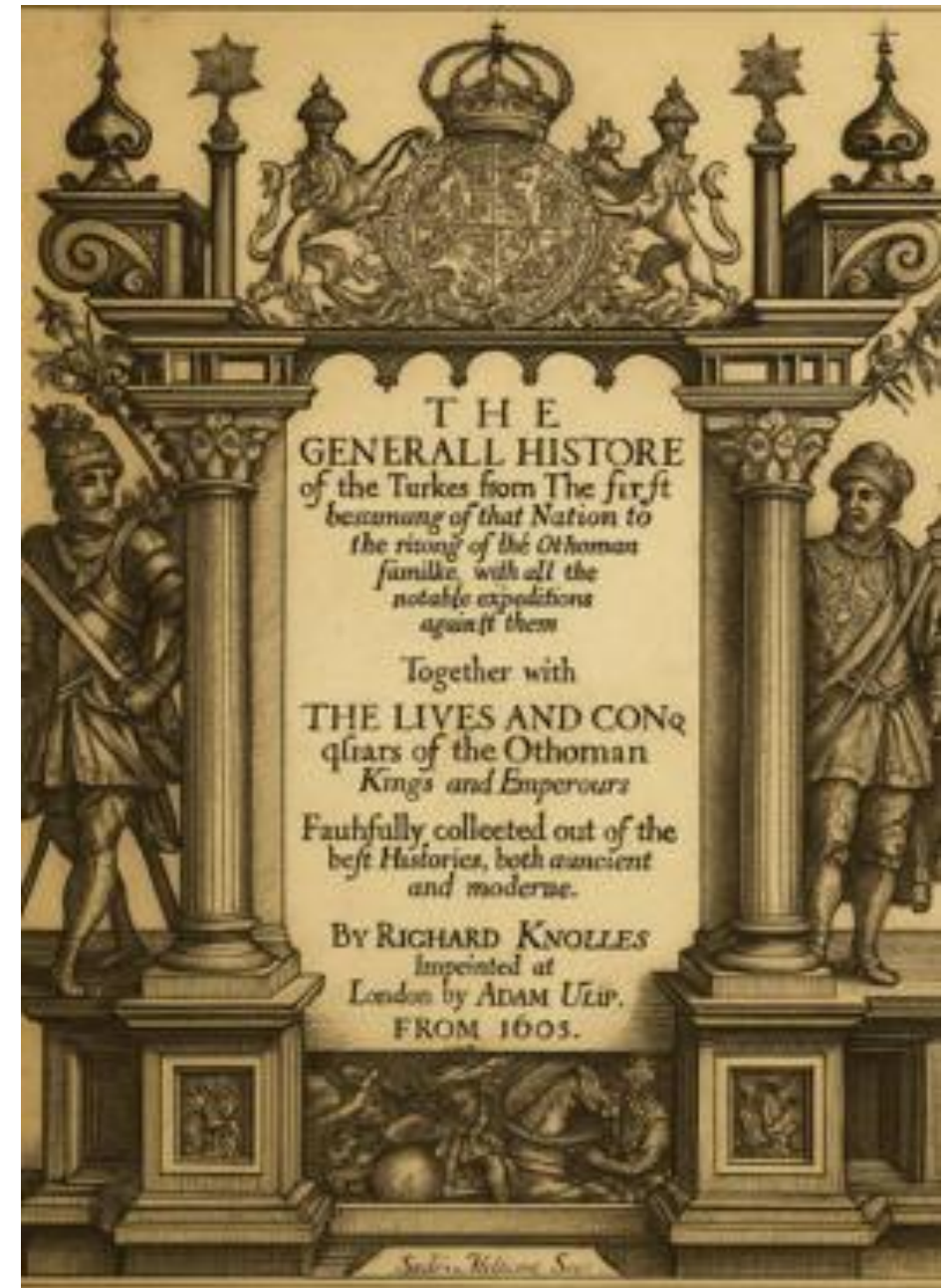
Tracing the overlooked Albanian history in London through landmark works of British and American scholarship—from **Richard Knolles' 1603** account of Skanderbeg, to **Benjamin Disraeli's** romantic epic *The Rise of Iskander*, and **Carleton S. Coon's** anthropological classic *The Mountains of Giants*.

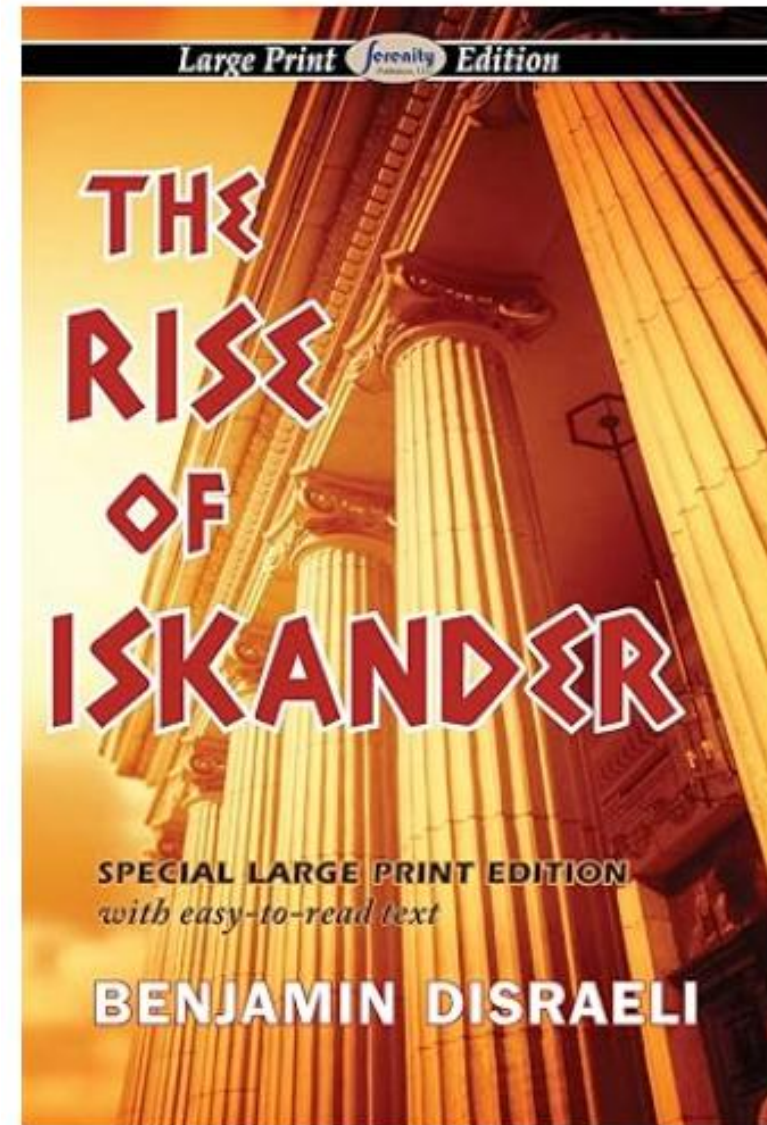


Richard
Knolles

THE GENERALL HISTORIE OF THE TURKES

London, 1603





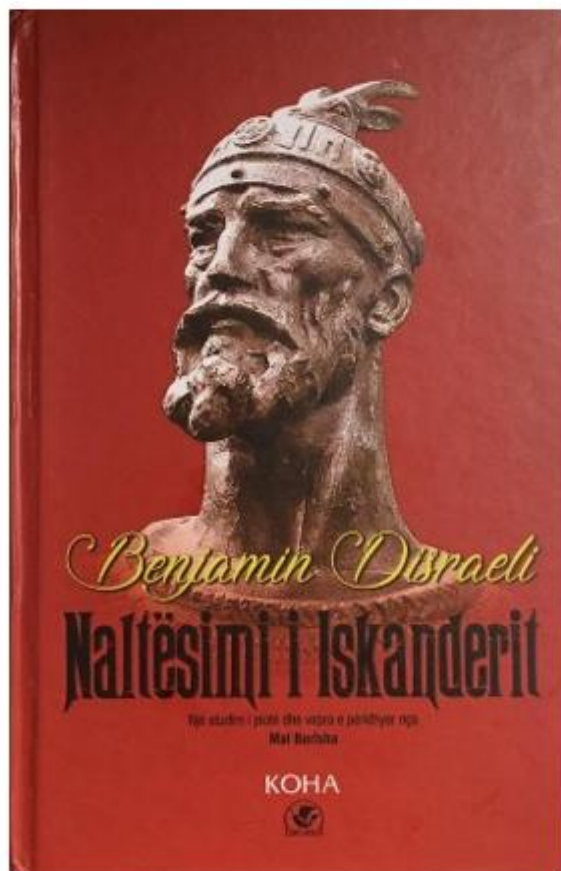


THE RISE OF ISKANDER

A novel by **Benjamin Disraeli**

It is a historical novella published in 1833, based on the life of the 15th-century Albanian national hero Skanderbeg (Iskander).

- It is published in English language 40 times.
- Now it is published in the Albanian Language as well.



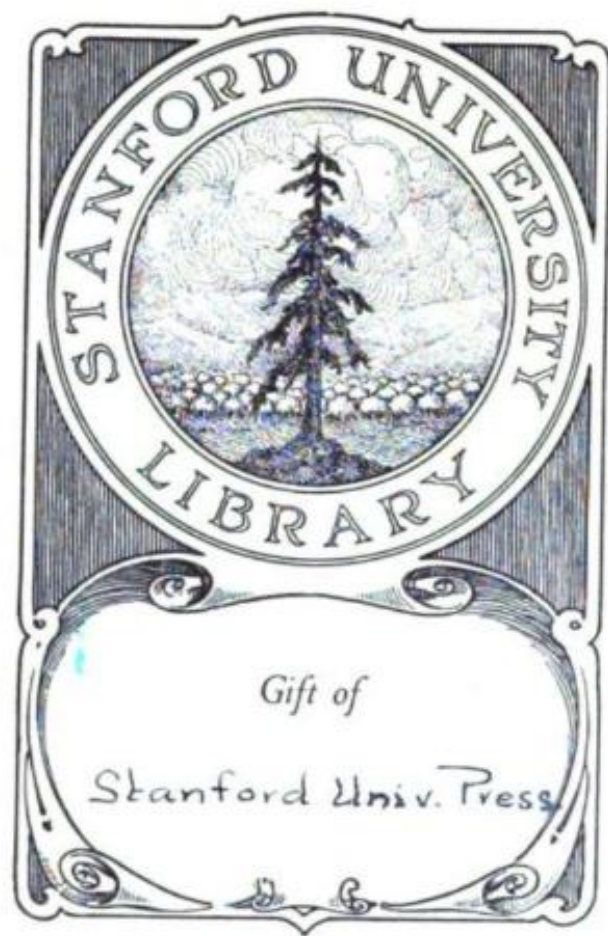
THE RISE OF
ISKANDER
BENJAMIN DISRAELI





“The Rise of Iskander” by Benjamin Disraeli

Twice Prime
Minister of the
United Kingdom
Published by
KOHA Printing
House, Prishtina



SOUTHERN ALBANIA

1912 • 1923



EDITH PIERPONT STICKNEY

SOUTHERN ALBANIA OR NORTHERN EPIRUS IN EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, 1912-1923

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SHQIPËRIA JUGORE
ose
ËPIRI I VERIUT
në
Çështjet Europiane
Ndërkombëtare
1912 – 1923

Universiteti Stanford, Kaliforni - USA
Shtëpia Botuese "LIDJA", Tiranë, 1938

This study aims to present a comprehensive and well-rounded overview of the history in question from the year 1912, when this issue began to acquire a certain diplomatic significance, through to 1923, placing particular emphasis on the broader European dimensions as well as on the local and national elements that influenced the international situation.



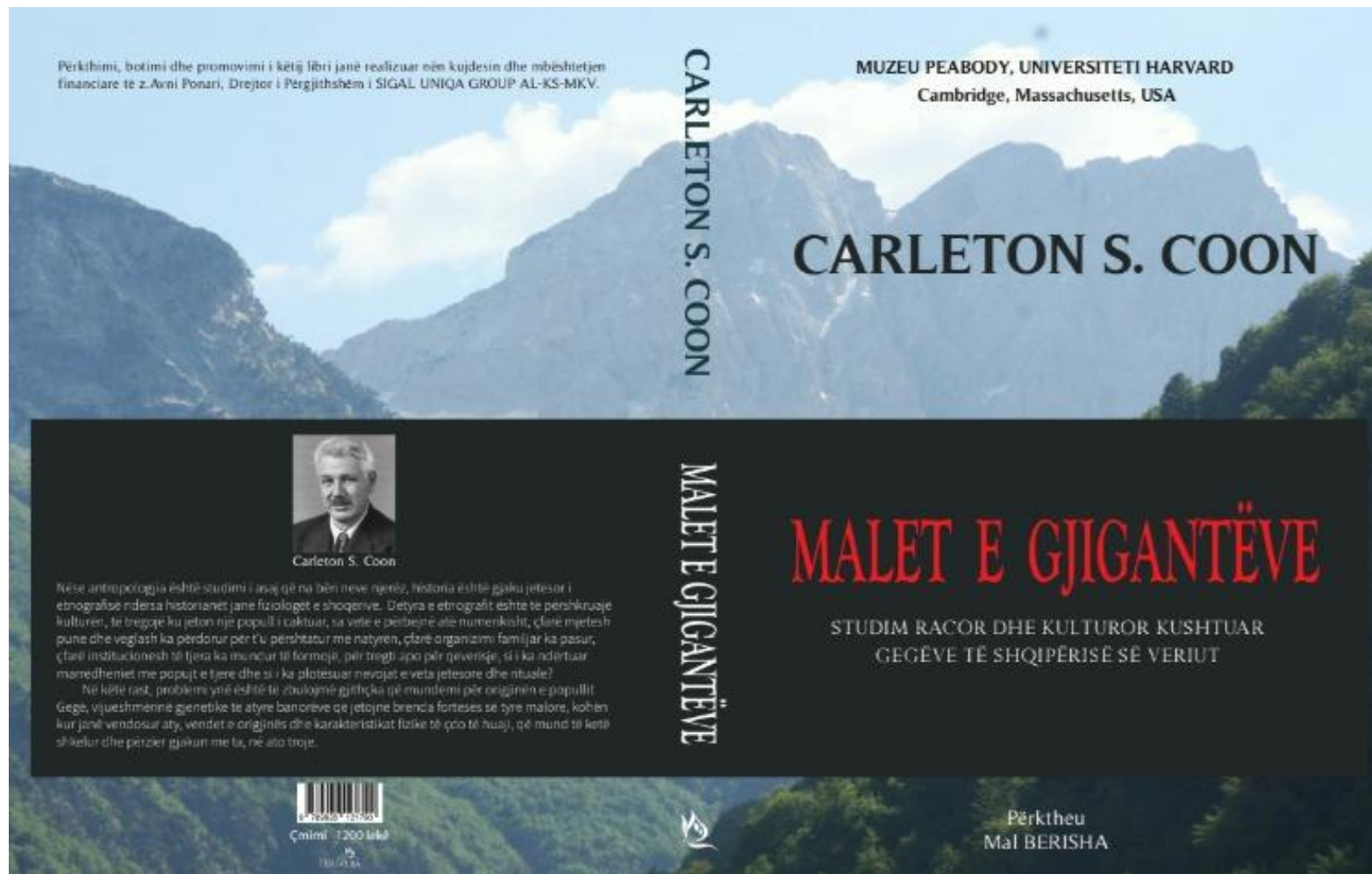
CARLETON S. COON, one of the greatest American anthropologists of the twentieth century, spent a full year in **northern Albania, 1929 – 1930**, studying the anthropological characteristics of the Albanian people. Based on this extensive fieldwork, he wrote the book

THE MOUNTAINS OF GIANTS,

a landmark study that documents the physical, social, and cultural features of the northern Albanian highlanders.



Front and Back Covers of The Mountains of Giants by Carleton S. Coon - In Albanian language





The Typical Mountain Gheg — Malsia e Madhe.



Charles Telford Erickson (1876–1966): The American Who Dedicated His Life to Albania

Published in Albanian language in **three volumes (2012)**, this work presents a thoroughly researched and well-documented biography of Erickson's life and legacy.

The remaining two volumes include his writings, comprising **five previously unpublished books**, now translated and published under the title:

***ALBANIANS – THE ENIGMA OF THE
BALKANS***

“The Albanian language is the element that represents the Albanian more clearly than anything else and explains his identity more fully than any interpreter could. Although it contains words of Latin and Turkish origin, it remains, beyond any doubt, the living body of a clearly defined language, ancient in its essence.”

Charles Telford Erickson
The American Who Devoted His Life
to Albania



“SCANDERBEG”

A Poem by
**Dr. Charles Telford
Erickson**

*Interpreted by the
English actor*
Robert Wilton

ERICKSON



ROBERT WILTON.n



https://youtu.be/VukTvqw_uVw



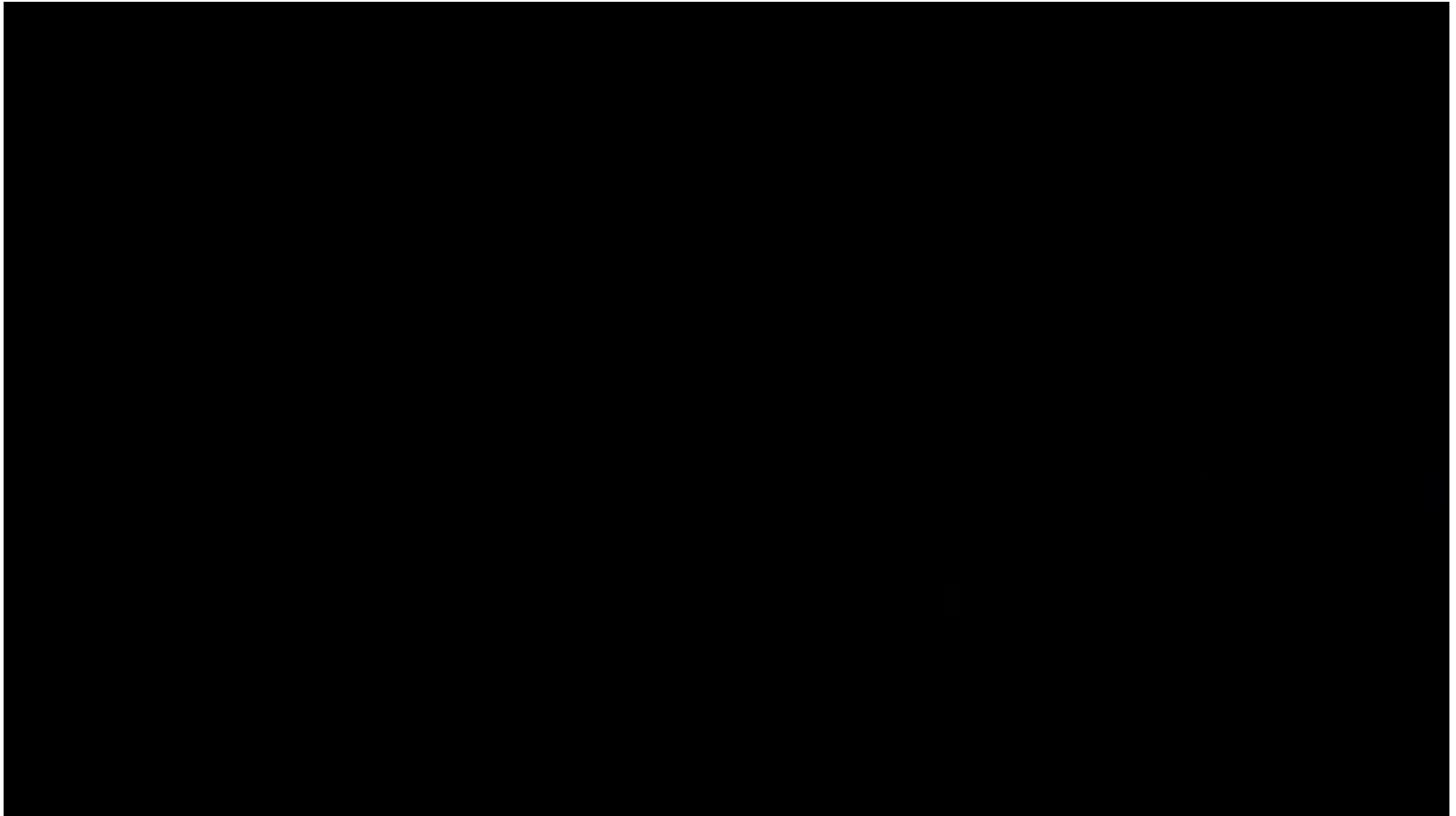
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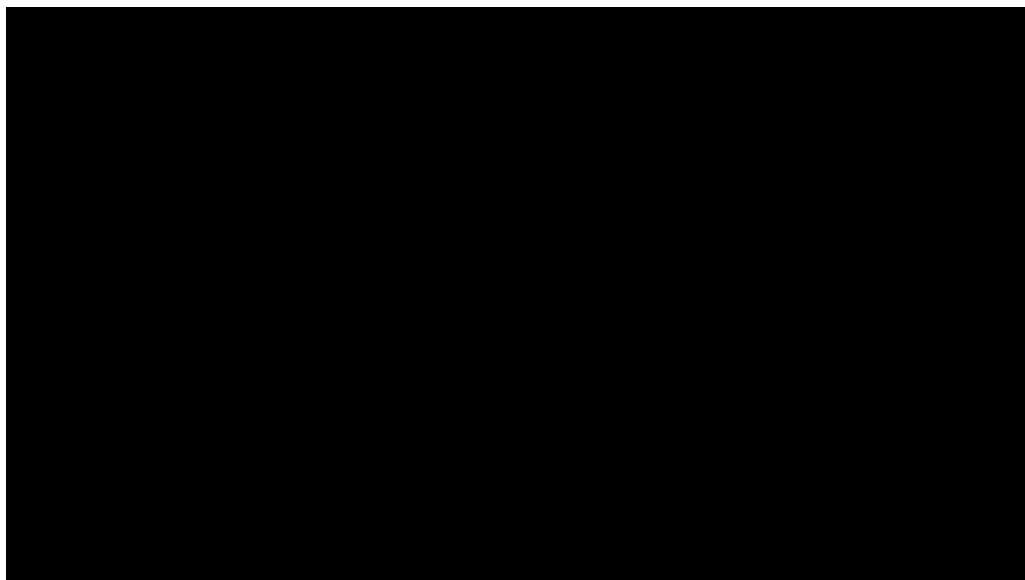
CHARLES TELFORD ERICKSON – POEMA “SKËNDERBEG” RECITUAR NGA ROBERT WILTON



Si dikur Zoti yt, drejt vdekjes ti shkove,
Ndërsa bota krejt e qetë të kundronte,

CHARLES TELFORD ERICKSON – POEMA “SKËNDERBEG” RECITUAR NGA ROBERT WILTON







Established in 1925, the Order of Skanderbeg honors distinguished service to Albania. King Zog awarded it to Charles Telford Erickson.

In 2012 it was given to Father Arthur Lyolin of the Albanian Orthodox Church in Boston and stands on the wall of Fan Noli's Library.

Glory!



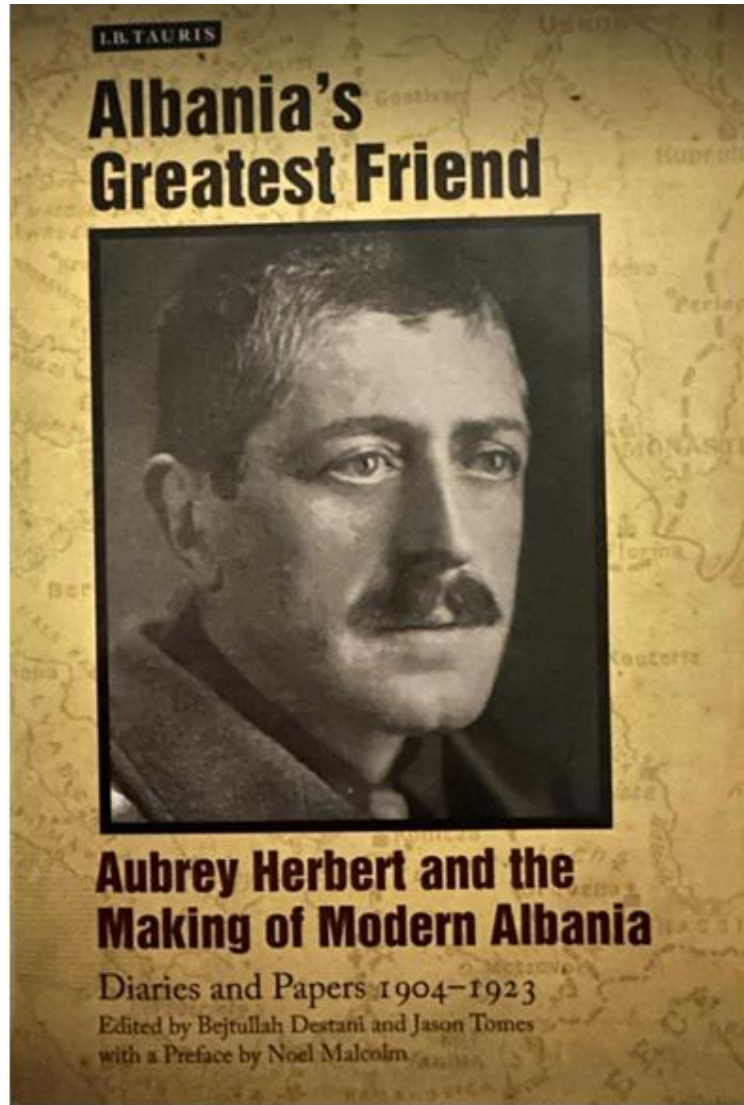
GRATITUDE IS THE PARAMETER OF THE HUMAN NOBILITY

The bust of Dr. Charles Telford Erickson, a work by sculptor Kreshnik Xhiku, is placed in front of the vocational school that bears his name.

The school was founded by him on 20 September 1925 in Golem, Kavajë, and remains fully operational today, standing as a lasting testament to Dr. Erickson's educational vision and humanistic legacy.



Founded in 1912 by **Colonel Aubrey Herbert** and supported by **Edith Durham**, the Anglo-Albanian Association has fostered British-Albanian understanding and support for Albania's independence and cultural identity. Today, the **Honorary President of the Anglo-Albanian Association** is the renowned historian **Sir Noel Malcolm**.



I see that you are a person of importance in your country, Great Britain. The best reward for me would be:

“BE A GOOD VOICE FOR MY SUFFERING COUNTRY, ALBANIA, WHEREVER AND WHENEVER YOU ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY!”



GRATITUDE IS THE PARAMETER OF THE HUMAN NOBILITY

“THREE EPISODES OF A
DOCUMENTARY FILM
DEDICATED TO THE WORK
OF THE FOREMOST
CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH
PHILOSOPHER AND
HISTORIAN ON THE
HISTORY OF THE
ALBANIANS IN THE BALKAN
PENINSULA.”

Mal Berisha

SHQIPTARIADA

E SIR NOEL MALCOLM-IT



MIRËNJOHJA ËSHTË PARAMETËR
I FISNIKËRISË NJERËZORE

Shtëpia Botuese dhe shtypshkronja FLESH

Tiranë, Tetor 2023



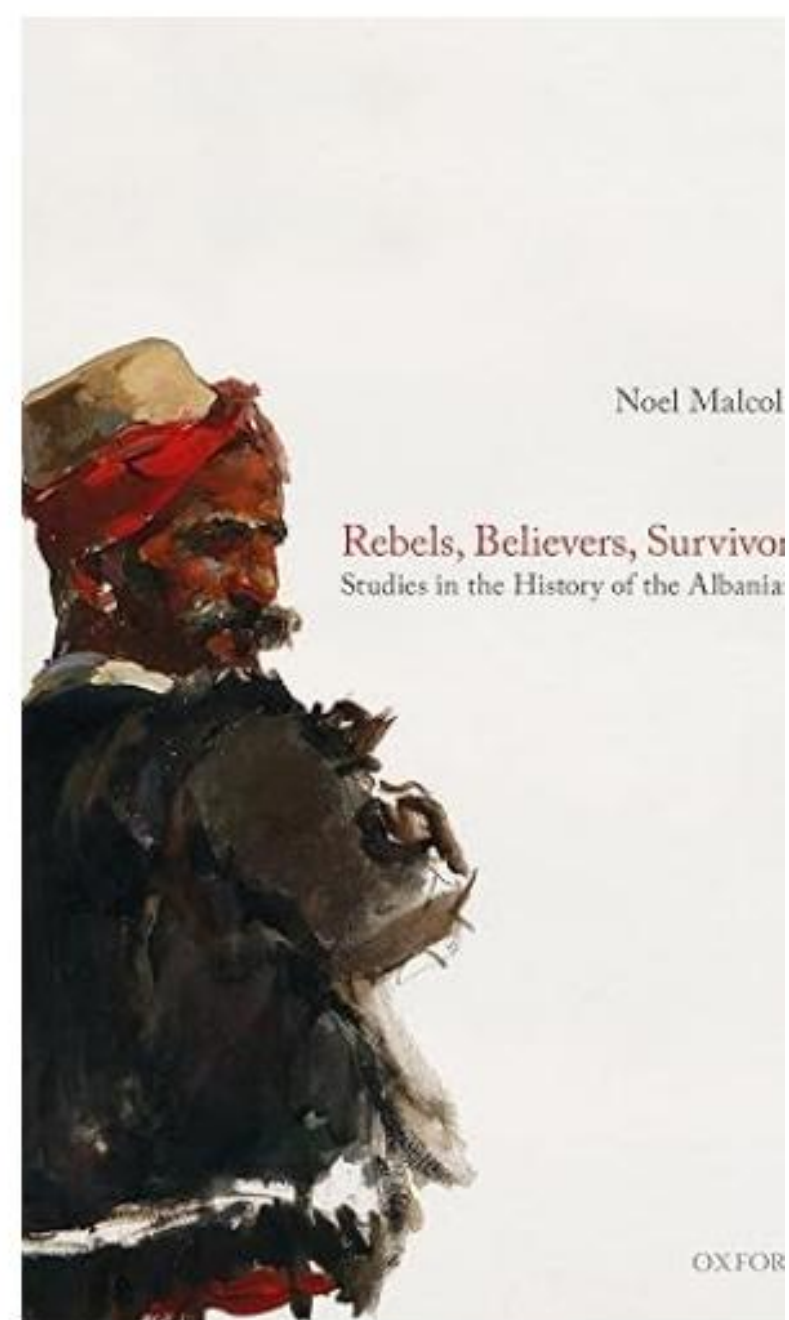
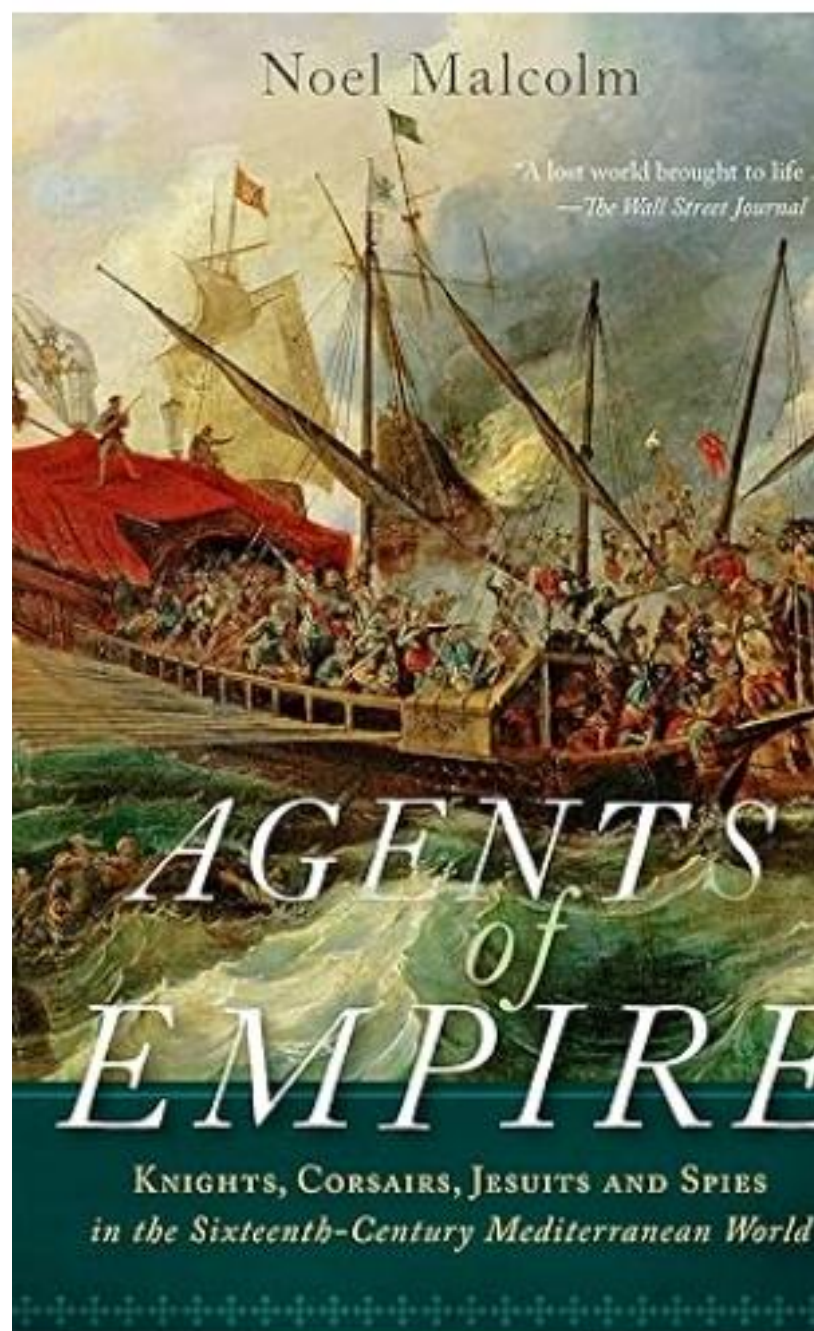
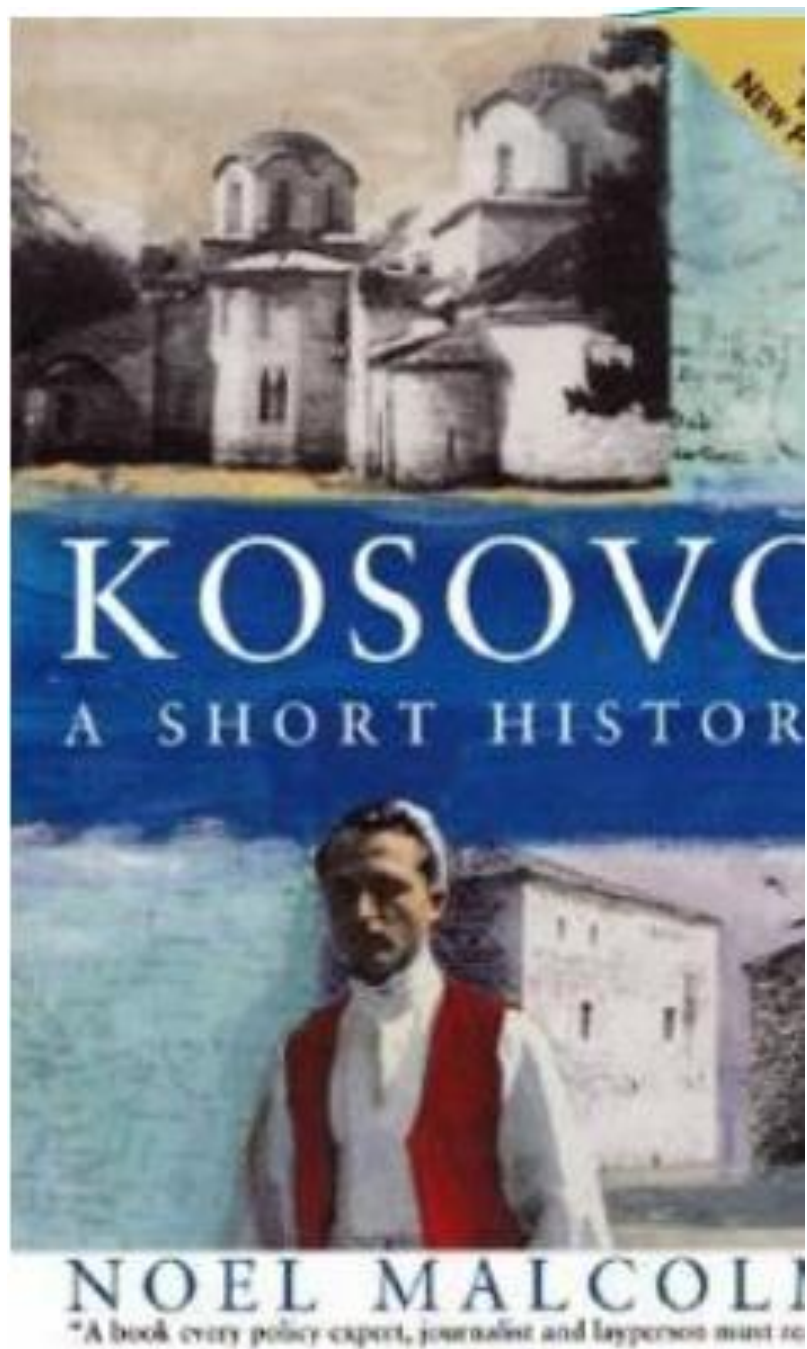
Mal Berisha

SIR NOEL MALCOLM'S

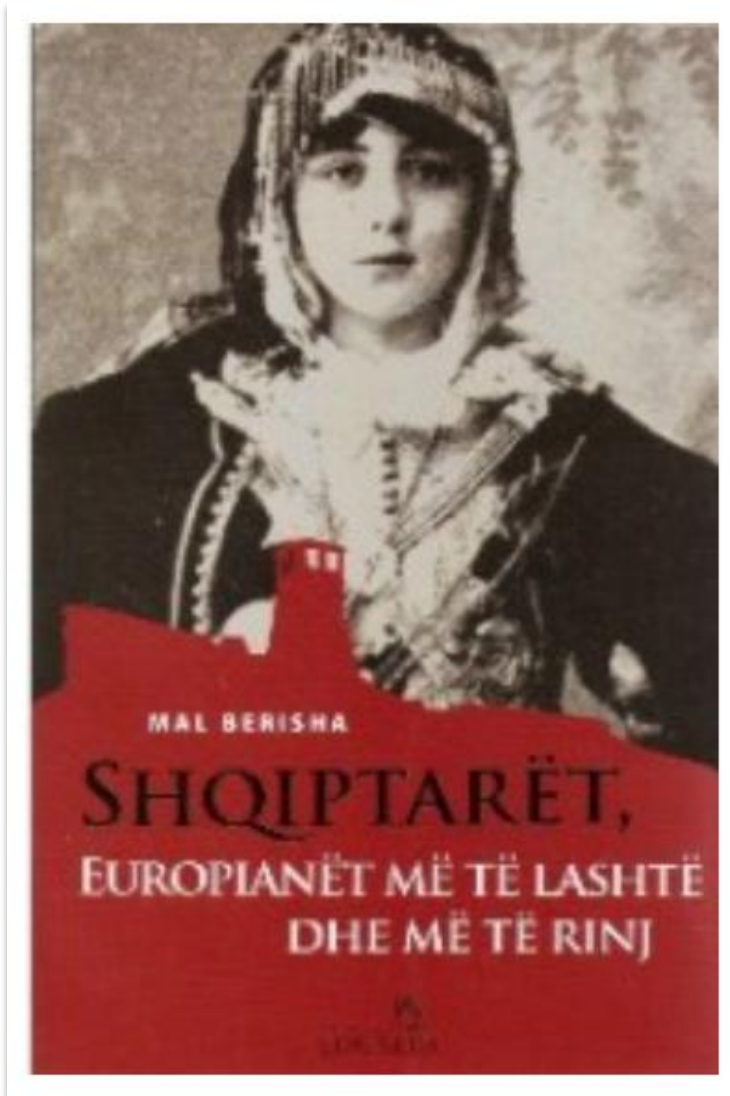
ALBANIANADA



GRATITUDE IS THE PARAMETER
OF HUMAN NOBILITY



SHQIPTARËT, EVROPIANËT MË TË LASHTË DHE MË TË RINJ



...A picturesque portrayal of the uninterrupted human drama, of hopes, achievements, failures, and conflicts among the multilingual peoples of the Old Continent.

...Europe today, with its institutions that safeguard peace...

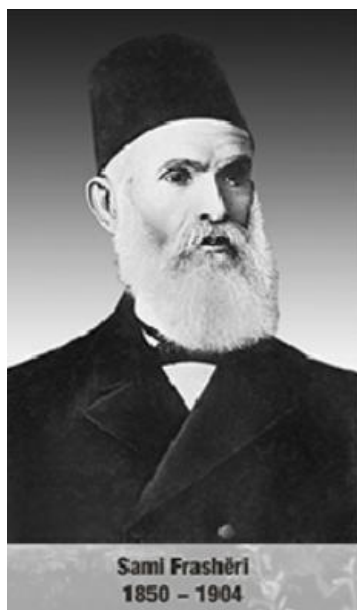
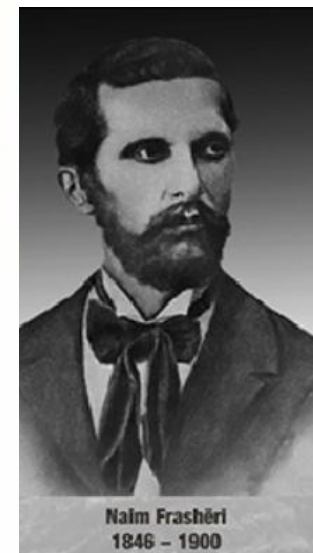
...The historical and contemporary place of Albanians within their own continent.

A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE ALBANIAN DIASPORA IN TURKEY

- One of the oldest Albanian diasporas;
- Highly adapted and partially assimilated;
- Core Albanian identity preserved;
- The Turkish–Albanian Brotherhood Association; • **“Vëllazëria Turko-Shqiptare” Association** (Türk ve Arnavut Kardeşliği Derneği);
- The ongoing responsibility of Albanian diplomacy from Albania and Kosova;

Potentially from North Macedonia, should an ethnic Albanian diplomat be employed there, as well.



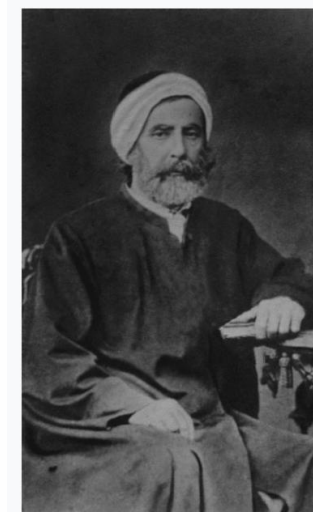


DIASPORA SHQIPTARE NË TURQI

(Një vështrim historik dhe bashkëkohor)

Shkruar nga Mal Berisha,
Ish-Konsull i Shqipërisë në Stamboll,
Nëntor 1992 – Shtator 1997

Hasan Tahsini





**Antologji e Veprimtarisë së Pakursyer në
Dobi të Punës Patriotike të Federatës
Panshqiptare të Amerikës**

“VATRA”

**The Anthology of
Patriotic Activities of
the Pan-Albanian
Federation of
America, “VATRA”**

*Over a period of more
than one century*

A Comprehensive
Study of the
Activities and
Contributions of the
Albanian American
Civic League under
the Leadership of
Former U.S.
Congressman
Joseph DioGuardi
and his wife Shirley
Cloise



ALBANIAN AMERICAN CIVIC LEAGUE

**PËR NDER TË PËRVJETORIT TË 81 – të TË LINDJES SË ISH - KONGRESMENIT
AMERIKAN ME ORIGJINË SHQIPTARE JOSEPH DIOGUARDI¹**

Kujtime nga veprimtaria në shërbim të Lidhjes Qytetare Shqiptaro - Amerikane

Mal BERISHA

Based on the highest moral values embodied in **ALBANIAN BESA**, hundreds of Jews were unconditionally sheltered by ordinary Albanians, primarily in rural areas of the country.



RESCUE IN ALBANIA



**ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF JEWS
IN ALBANIA
RESCUED FROM HOLOCAUST**



Harvey Sarnier

One Hundred Percent of
Jews in Albania Were
Rescued from the
Holocaust.

Even the Albanian
authorities, under
German occupation,
protected and saved the
Jews



The untold story of the Jews who were entirely saved in Albania throughout history, particularly during the Holocaust—an important responsibility of Albanian diplomacy to bring this righteous story to the world.



The story of Prof Dr Scarlet Epstein whose life and her family life was saved in Albania.

She died in 2014 telling everybody that:

“Albania Saved My life”



An American Jewish Journalist, Writer, And Diplomat
(1876 – 1935)



Herman Bernstein, US Ambassador to Albania, 1930-1933



Mal Berisha ka botuar disa libra, studime, krime dhe përkthime rreth perceptimit të popullit shqiptar nga anglo-saksonët. Është, siç thotë, "Shqiptarët, las mbi allin ille", "Shqiptarët, europianët në shtëpi dhe në të rinj", "Nesles Telford Erickson, amerikanët që shpëtoi jetën Shqiptarëve", "Kultetë shqiptaro - hebraike", "Diplomat, ai ka zhvilluar teorinë e Power në dëbi të njohjes së vlerave kombëtare shqiptare nëpër botë dhe ligjshmëri në universitetet e forumeve të bashkëpunimit si në Universitetin Harvard, Cambridge, Massachusetts, në Institutin e Kërkimeve Hebraike (YIVO) dhe Institutin Pan - Shqiptar "VATRA" në Njua York, London School of Economics, Ambasadën Amerikane në Londër dhe në Britanike në Tiranë, Shkollën Diplomatike të Gjenevës në Gjenevë, etj. Ai ka shërbyer në Stamboll, Konsullatën e Përgjithshme të Shqipërisë në Londër, si Ambasador në Mbretërinë e Bashkuar të Britanisë së Madhe dhe Irlandës së Veriut dhe në Irlandë. www.MalBerisha.com



Herman Bernstein ishte një njeri universal i kohës së tij.

Ai ishte një hebra - amerikan, pjesëtar i një populli të njohur për zgjuarsinë dhe idetë e larta, por i parakohuar dhe torturuar prej fanatizmit dhe zhorizmit të egër, në rrjedhë të historisë. I ballafaquar me përvojat më të hidhura të jetës, por edhe i miratuar për më të lartë intelektual të kohës, ai u ushqye me parimet e lirisë dhe demokracisë amerikane. Heroi i kësaj libri nuk ishte thjesht përfaqësues i Shteteve të Bashkuara të Amerikës në Mbretërinë Shqiptare, por edhe një mik i vërtetë i shqiptarëve. Ai foli, shkroi, vizitoi vendet tona të bukura si mik i sinqertë, si mbështetës që e magjente hapur simpatinë që ndjente për atdheun tonë. Bernstein kishte miqësi të ngushtë me Mbretin Zog, i cili më pas urdhëroi misionet konsullare shqiptare të lëshonin viza për hebrajtë në masë, duke e bërë Shqipërinë e vogël në strehë të sigurisë e bujare për ta. Trashëgimia e kësaj vepre tepër humane i shërben edhe sot diplomacisë shqiptare.

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Ambasador i ShBA – ve në Mbretërinë Shqiptare

1930 – 1933

"... I kam përvetësuar teorinë shkencore të moderne nga Metchnikoff. Kam diskutuar për fëmijë dhe për artin me Leon Tolstoj. Principet e filozofisë moderne i përfiloja nga Henri Bergson, diplomacinë botërore dhe qëndruesit ruse nga Konrad Witte dhe Maksim Kovlovski, teoritë e artit e mësova nga August Rodin, shtetsoimin nga Theodore Roosevelt dhe Woodrow Wilson, mbrojtjen e të drejtave të grave nga Havelock Ellis, imperializmin gjerman nga Hans Delbrück, liberalizmin dhe pacifizmin nga Georg Brandes, politikën e luftës dhe të paqes së Vatikani nga Papa Benedikti XV, Islamin nga Shek - Ul - Islam, sionizmin nga Weizmann dhe Ajzajtajn, Revolucionin Rus nga Trocki, liberalizmin britanik nga Lordi Robert Cecil, historinë e Japonisë nga Maquis Okuma, dramën kontinentale nga Arthur Schnitzler dhe gjithëka tjetër nga George Bernard Shaw..."

HERMAN BERNSTEIN



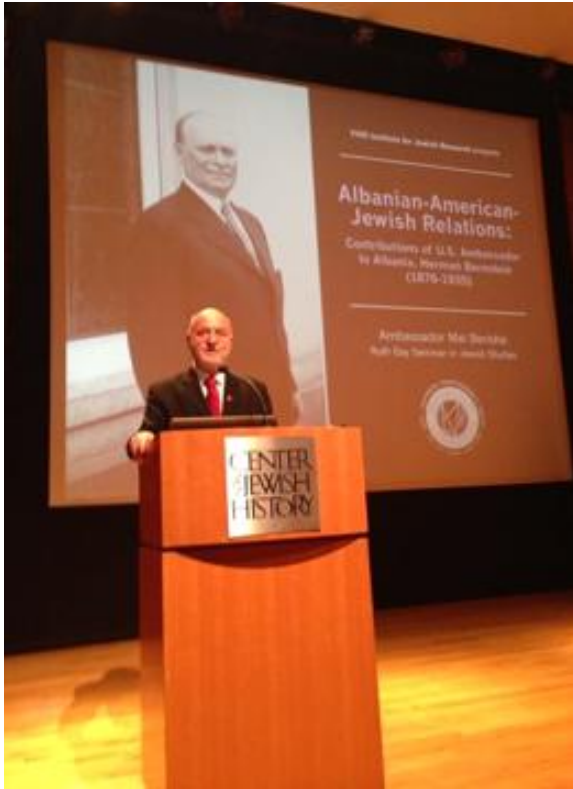
Quote by Herman Bernstein

"There is no trace of any discrimination against Jews in Albania, because Albania happens to be one of the rare lands in Europe today where religious prejudice and hate do not exist, even though Albanians themselves are divided into three faiths."

Herman Bernstein

The names of seventy-five Albanian families who rescued Jews are engraved at the **Yad Vashem Memorial Museum** in Jerusalem, honoring them as **“Righteous Among the Nations.”**





14 December 2014:
A lecture on **Albanian–Jewish relations** was delivered at the **YIVO Institute for Jewish Research** in New York City, attended by leaders of the American Jewish community, researchers, scholars, and members of the Albanian community in the United States.



“THE ALBANIANS SAVED OUR LIVES”

An interview with Ms. Felicita Jakoel, President of the Albania–Israel Association, presenting documented facts on how Albanians, from ordinary citizens to senior government officials during the period of German occupation, protected and saved Jews in Albania.



Mother Teresa (Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu, 1910–1997) was an Albanian Catholic nun and humanitarian, born in Skopje to an Albanian family. She dedicated her life to serving the poorest of the poor, especially in Calcutta, where she founded the **Missionaries of Charity** in 1950. She received the **Nobel Peace Prize in 1979** and was canonized in **2016** as **Saint Teresa of Calcutta**.

Celebrating the legacy of St Mother Teresa



Some of the distinguished
Albanians whose
achievements bring pride to
Albania, Kosova, and to all
Albanian communities
worldwide.

NOTES ON ALBANIA, EDICIONI I PARË



A portrait of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a black opera dress with a large black feathered collar, a black glove on her right hand, and a multi-strand pearl necklace. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

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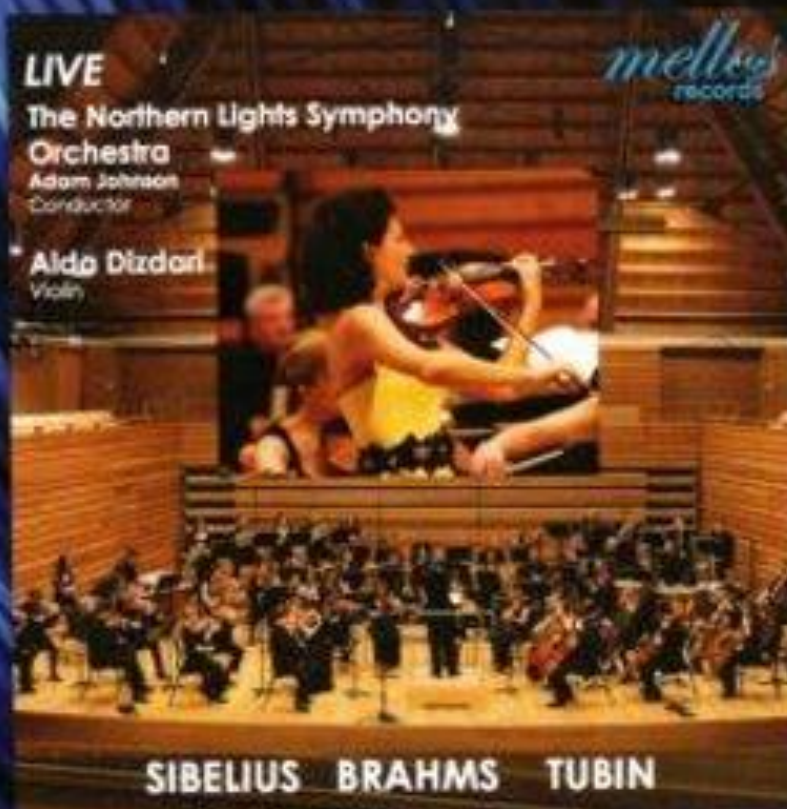


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is one of the
leading opera
singers at the
Deutsche Opera
in Berlin





Rita Ora (born November 26, 1990, in Pristina, Kosovo) is a British singer, songwriter, and actress of Albanian heritage. She rose to international fame with her debut album *Ora* (2012), which topped the UK Albums Chart, and later expanded her career into film, television, and fashion, becoming one of the most prominent Albanian-origin artists worldwide.

Together with the Ambassador of Kosova in London, Mr **Lirim Greiçevci** presenting Rita Ora with a gift granted by the Albanian Government — a 100-year-old Albanian xhubleta — in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Independence of the Albanian State.



A joyful day at the Albanian Embassy with Rita Ora



Dua Lipa is a British singer and songwriter of Kosovar Albanian heritage.

Known for her distinctive voice and modern pop sound, she is one of the most influential pop artists of her generation in the world, today.







Saimir Pirgu (born 1981 in Elbasan, Albania) is an internationally acclaimed Albanian operatic tenor.

Discovered by **Luciano Pavarotti**, he has performed at leading opera houses worldwide.

He was a frequent visitor to the Albanian Embassy in London.

Golden Olympic Medal Winners from Kosova

- ▶ Distria Krasniqi
- ▶ Majlinda Kelmendi
- ▶ Nora Gjakova



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- Robert Elsie: dedicated scholar who introduced Albania's history, language, and culture globally.



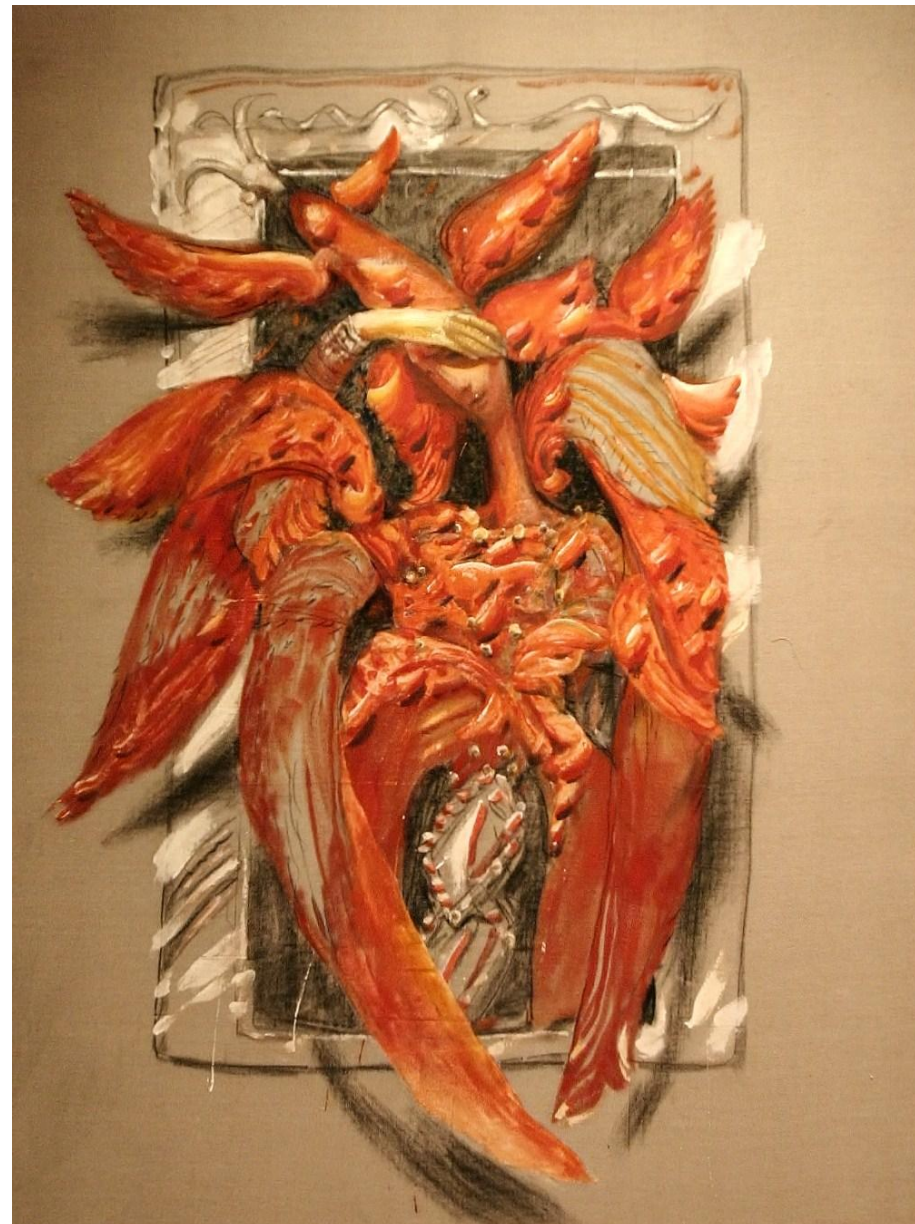
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BEFORE THE
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Well-known Albanian painter Bashkim Ahmeti, master of the National Historical Museum of Gjergj Kastrioti–Skanderbeg in Krujë, with the British Ambassador to the EU at the Europe House exhibition in London, summer 2015.





**Exhibition of the Albanian painter
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Albanian
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Kastrioti
Skënderbeu was
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